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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-ply product comprising a multi-ply fibrous structure having a core end and a tail comprising a tail end, wherein the tail of the multi-ply fibrous structure comprises a consumer accessible tab that is adhesively formed between the plies of one or more sheets of product.
2. (Original) The multi-ply product according to Claim 1 wherein the multi-ply fibrous structure is freely, convolutely wound from the core end out to the tail end to form a rolled multi-ply product.
3. (Currently Amended) The multi-ply product according to Claim 2 wherein the tail of the multi-ply fibrous structure is bonded tail-sealed to the multi-ply fibrous structure by a tail seal glue.
4. (Original) The multi-ply product according to Claim 3 wherein at least a portion of the consumer accessible tab is more proximal to the tail end of the multi-ply fibrous structure than is the tail seal glue.
5. (Original) The multi-ply product according to Claim 1 wherein the consumer accessible tab comprises at least two plies of the multi-ply fibrous structure bonded together.
- 6-9. (Cancelled)

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10. (Original) The multi-ply product according to Claim 1 wherein the consumer accessible tab extends from the tail end of the multi-ply fibrous structure along the multi-ply fibrous structure towards the core end of the multi-ply fibrous structure.

11. (Original) The multi-ply product according to Claim 1 wherein the consumer accessible tab extends from about the tail end of the multi-ply fibrous structure along the multi-ply fibrous structure towards the core end of the multi-ply fibrous structure.

12. (Original) The multi-ply product according to Claim 1 wherein at least two plies of the multi-ply fibrous structure are bonded together by mechanical and/or chemical and/or electrostatic forces.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The multi-ply product according to Claim 1 wherein the multi-ply fibrous structure consists of two plies of a fibrous structure.

15. (Original) The multi-ply product according to Claim 1 wherein the multi-ply product comprises a sanitary tissue product.

16. (Withdrawn) A method for making a consumer accessible tab for use in a multi-ply product comprising a multi-ply fibrous structure, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. providing two or more plies of a fibrous structure, wherein each of the two or more plies of fibrous structure comprises a tail end and a core end;
- b. binding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together at and/or proximal to their respective tail ends in a face-to-face relationship, such that a consumer accessible tab is formed.

17. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 16 wherein at least one of the two or more plies comprises a cellulosic fiber, a synthetic fiber and/or a starch fiber.

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18. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 16 wherein the binding step comprises adhesively binding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together.

19. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 16 wherein the method further comprises the step of ply bonding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together from about their tail end to about their core end.

20. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 19 wherein the consumer accessible tab exhibits a greater bond strength than the ply bonded portions of the multi-ply fibrous structure..

21. (Withdrawn) A method for making a multi-ply product comprising a multi-ply fibrous structure, wherein the multi-ply product comprises a consumer accessible tab, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. providing two or more plies of a fibrous structure, wherein each of the two or more plies of fibrous structure comprises a tail end and a core end;
- b. binding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together at and/or proximal to their respective tail ends in a face-to-face relationship, such that a consumer accessible tab precursor is formed;
- c. ply bonding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together from about their tail end to about their core end to form a multi-ply fibrous structure; and
- d. severing the multi-ply fibrous structure in the cross machine direction such that a portion of the consumer accessible tab precursor is on one or both sides of the severing line.

22. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 21 wherein the two or more plies of fibrous structure are in roll form.

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23. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 21 wherein at least one of the two or more plies comprises a cellulosic fiber, a synthetic fiber and/or a starch fiber.

24. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 21 wherein the binding step comprises adhesively binding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together.

25. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 21 wherein the method further comprises the step of ply bonding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together from about their tail end to about their core end.

26. (Withdrawn) The method according to Claim 25 wherein the consumer accessible tab exhibits a greater bond strength than the ply bonded portions of the multi-ply fibrous structure..

27. (Withdrawn) A method for making a rolled multi-ply product comprising a multi-ply fibrous structure, wherein the rolled multi-ply product comprises a consumer accessible tab, the method comprises the steps of:

- a. providing two or more plies of a fibrous structure, wherein each of the two or more plies of fibrous structure comprises a tail end and a core end;
- b. binding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together at and/or proximal to their respective tail ends in a face-to-face relationship, such that a consumer accessible tab precursor is formed;
- c. ply bonding the two or more plies of fibrous structure together from about their tail end to about their core end to form a multi-ply fibrous structure; and
- d. severing the multi-ply fibrous structure in the cross machine direction such that a portion of the consumer accessible tab precursor is on one or both sides of the severing line;
- e. convolutely winding the severed multi-ply fibrous structure to form the rolled product wherein the consumer accessible tab is accessible to a user upon use.